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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE GROUP 2500

Applicants: Sandra D. Anderson )

Serial No.: 08/696,987 )

Filed: November 4, 1996 )

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE  
PROVOCATION OF AIR PASSAGE  
NARROWING AND/OR THE  
INDUCTION OF SPUTUM )

Group Art Unit: 3311

Examiner: S. Huang

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action  
mailed on September 12, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for attempting to provoke airway narrowing [of the upper or lower airways] in a subject comprising the steps of (a) causing the subject to inhale into [the] subject's airways an effective amount of a substance capable of altering the osmolarity of airway surface liquid in the subject, which substance is in the form of a dispersible dry powder containing an effective proportion of particles of a respirable size, and (b) measuring in the subject a parameter indicative of the resistance to air flow of the subject's airways.